

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. ^{M:} 14/22

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Purdum Cemetery

other

2. Location

street and number Watkins Road __ not for publication

city, town Damascus __ vicinity

county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert L. Hunt

street and number 10420 Watkins Road

telephone

city, town

Damascus

state

zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

liber 16433

folio 294

city, town

tax map

tax parcel P230

tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Purdum Cemetery (14/22) is on a 32.68 acre parcel on Watkins Road. Located about a half-mile from the intersection of Kings Valley Road, the cemetery is on a knoll, in a small grove of trees.

A cast iron fence in poor condition encompasses the graveyard. There are about six extant gravestones, some of which have fallen over.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

John Rufus Purdum, born 1827, owned a 203-acre farm in this vicinity in 1879. His house is prominently featured on 1865 and 1879 maps. Buried in the cemetery are Emma, wife of S T Pugh; Joseph and Keziah Woodfield; John and Mary S. Purdum, husband and wife; and Joshua and Editha Riggs, husband and wife.

The cemetery is typical of family cemeteries established throughout Montgomery County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Clare Kelly Cavicchi

organization M-NCPPC

date 10-2004

street & number 887 Georgia Ave

telephone 301-563-3400

city or town Silver Spring

state MD

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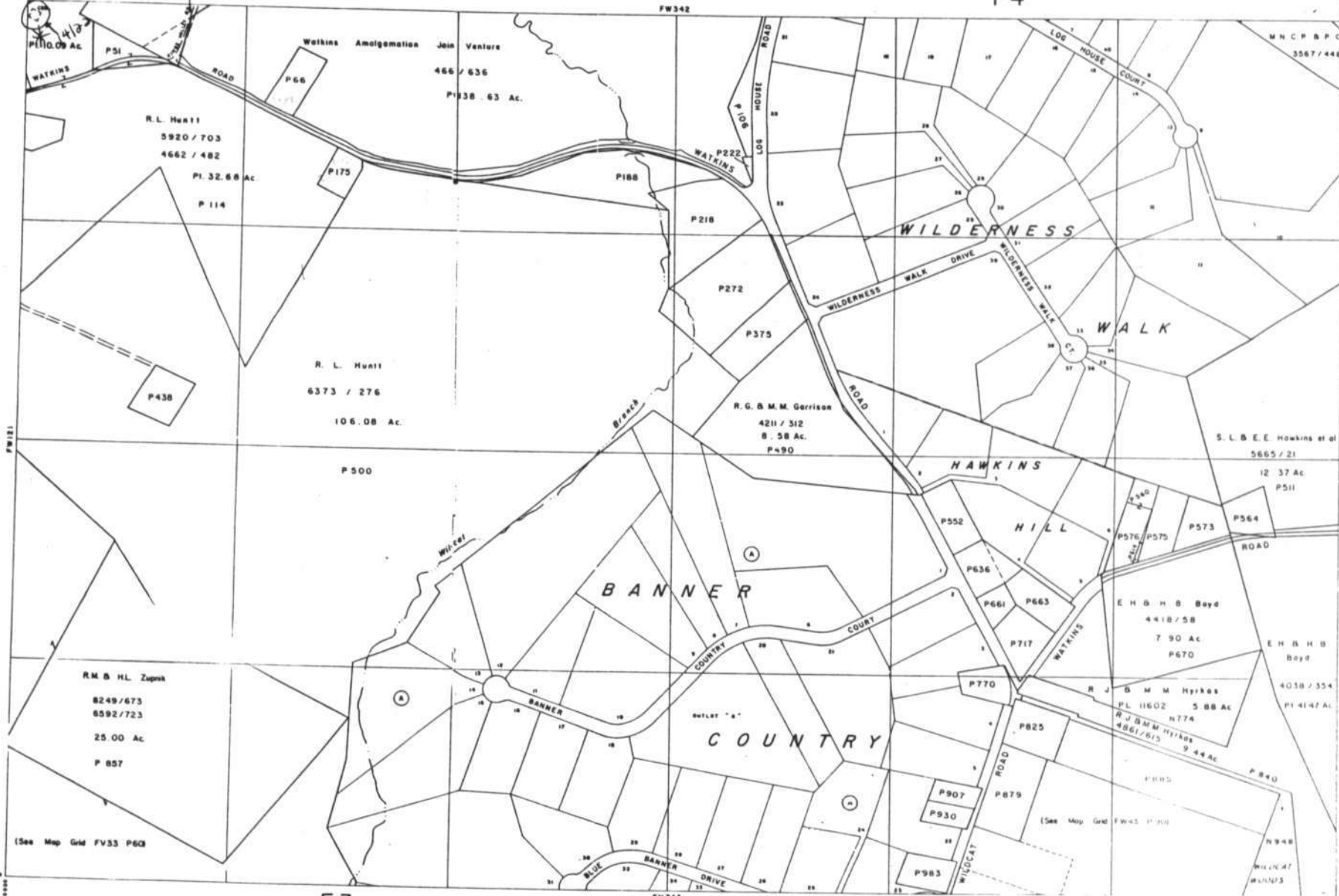
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Purdum Cemetery

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LEGEND
 ***** ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARY
 ***** CORPORATE BOUNDARY
 P-178 PARCEL NO. 17 USED FOR OWNERSHIP

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DIST. CURRENT TO
 12 7-1-80

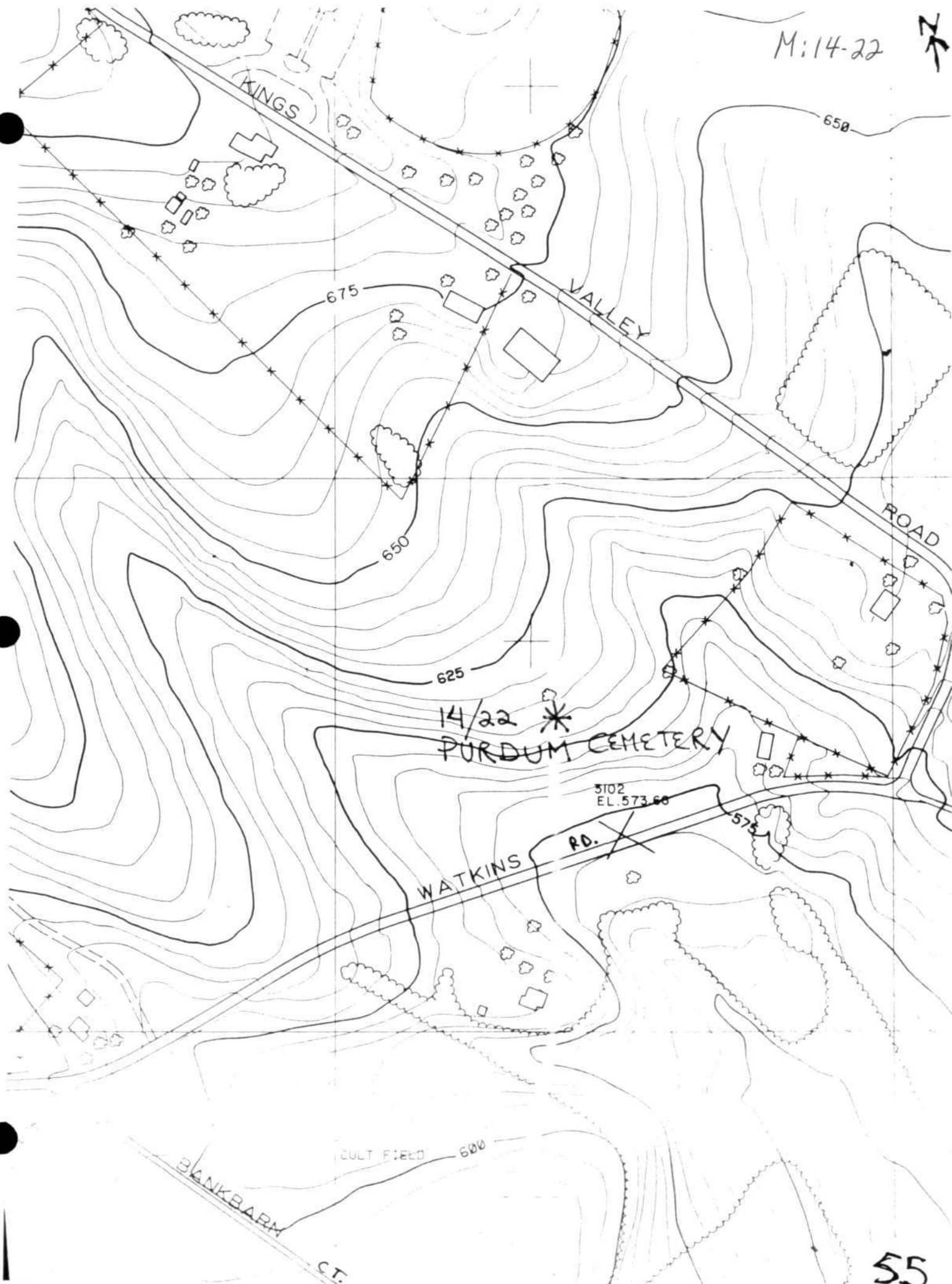
SCALE 1" = 200'

Map FW341

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Cemeteries: Private Cemetery on Watkins Road: Montgomery County, MD

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This small (apparently a family plot) cemetery is on private land, on Watkins Rd, ab
mile from intersection of Davis Mill Rd. It is in a clump of trees and not visible
from the road.

Many of the stones have fallen over. There were only 6 stones that still
exist (at least that I could tell) and 9 inscriptions:

=====

Emma J.
wife of
S. T. Pugh
Born Nov 27 1831
Died Dec 14 1888
Dearest loved one we have
laid thee
in the peaceful grave's embrace
but thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.
=====

Joseph Woodfield
Born
Sept 12 1816
Died May 15 1885
=====

Keziah Woodfield
Born
Dec 1 1816
Died
June 24 1900
Rest mother rest in quiet sleep
while friends in sorrow
o'er thee weep.
=====

(the following are all on one obelisk-style stone):

John Purdum
Born
Sept 11 1779
Died 1865

Eleanor Riggs
Purdum
Born May 27 1784

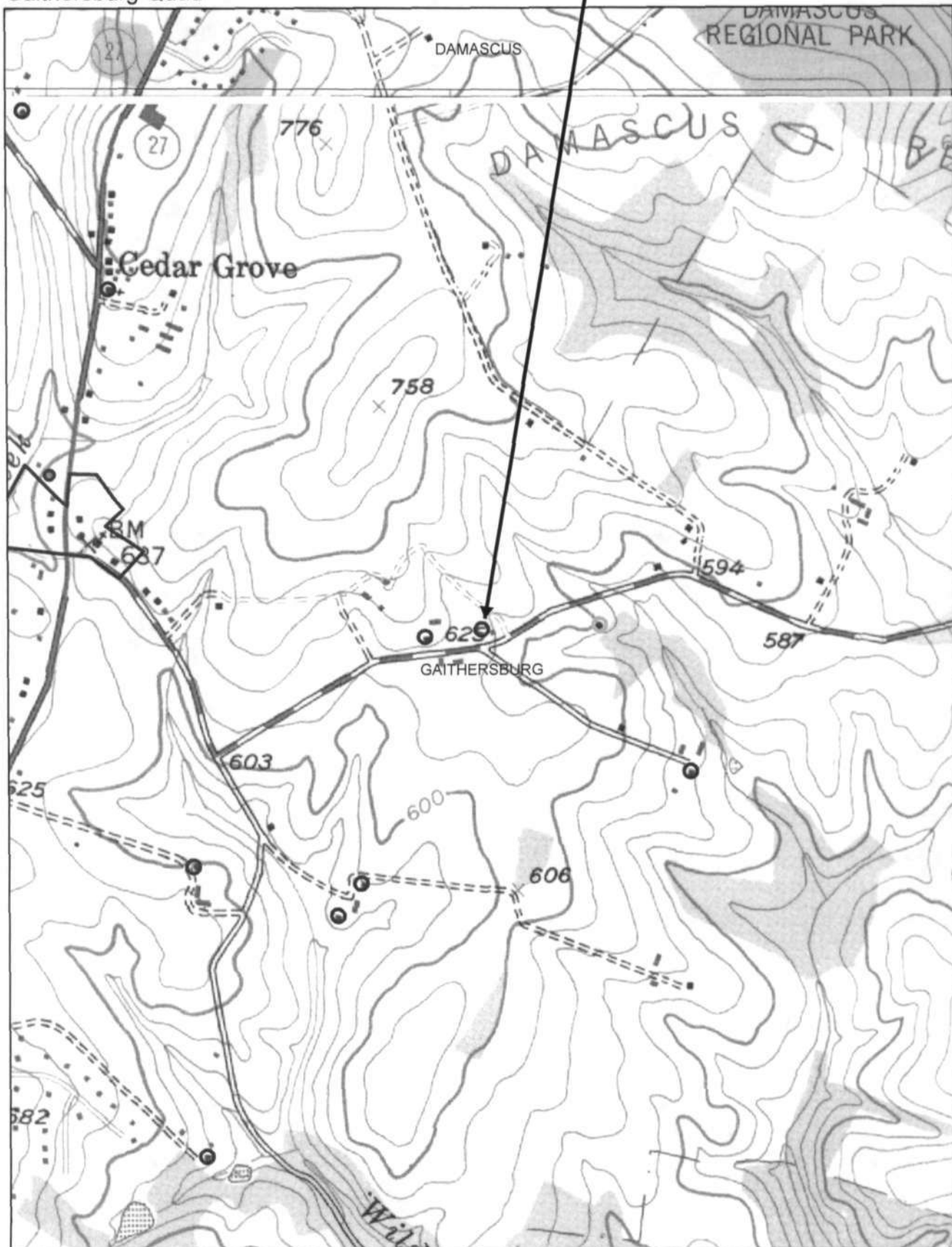
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NOTE TO FILE

Historic Sites Research and/or Photography
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301-563-3402

5-2009

MO: 14 - 22
Purdum Cemetery
Watkins Road
Germantown, Montgomery County
Gaithersburg Quad





M: 14/22 PURDOM CEMETERY

035 BAGGINGTON INN- 3 8071

CLARE CAVICCHI

2-29-2002

018

custom bw

582



M: 14/22 PURDUM CEMETERY

039 BAG10ANXB01 NNN- 3 8071

CLARE CAUTCHI

2-29-2002

819

CUSTOM BW

583



M:14.22 PURDOM CEMETERY

048 50010ANXON MIN- 1 0071

CLARE CAVICCHI

2-29-2000

024

custom bw

588



M; 14/22 PURDUM CEMETERY A

042 BAGIBANKON NNN- 1 8071

CLARE CAVICCAI

2-29-2002

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CUSTOMER

585

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Purdum Cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Watkins Road, east of Rte. 27

CITY, TOWN

Cedar Grove (Damascus) — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT
- ☐ BUILDING(S)
- ☐ STRUCTURE
- ☐ SITE
- ☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC
- ☒ PRIVATE
- ☐ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- ☐ IN PROCESS
- ☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- ☐ OCCUPIED
- ☐ UNOCCUPIED
- ☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESS**
- ☐ YES: RESTRICTED
- ☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ☒ NO

PRESENT USE

- ☒ AGRICULTURE
- ☐ MUSEUM
- ☐ COMMERCIAL
- ☐ PARK
- ☐ EDUCATIONAL
- ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ☐ ENTERTAINMENT
- ☐ RELIGIOUS
- ☐ GOVERNMENT
- ☐ SCIENTIFIC
- ☐ INDUSTRIAL
- ☐ TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ MILITARY
- ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(cemetery)

NAME

(was Talmage Watkins-now Dr. Seymour Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Dubrof et al)

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Site not seen at time of survey, but reported by Mrs. Janie Payne of Clarksburg. She says the cemetery contains the graves of members of the Purdum and related families, who lived near here in the 1800's. The site is in the middle of a field, on the north side of Watkins Road.

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

3/18/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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